CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Zimmerman called the public hearing to order at 5:02 PM in the Northwoods Center Dining Room on the campus of Nicolet College in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

ROLL CALL
Board members present: Jeaninne Bruguier, David Hintz, Amy Jacobs, Marcie Metropulos, Richard Peters, Deanna Pierpont and Ron Zimmerman.

Board member(s) absent: Elizabeth Spencer and Thom Umlauf

Also present: Nicolet College President Burmaster, Bob Egan, Shirley Egan, Dan Groleau, Sandy Kinney, Chuck Komp, Beth Kost, Chad Lashua, Roxanne Lutgen, Greg Miljevich, Marcus Nesemann of Northwoods River News, Jim Odekirk, Dr. Kim Odekirk, Brigitte Parsons, Monica Peters, Rose Prunty, Ron Skallerud, Lauren Stephenson of WJFW Newswatch 12, Kenneth Urban and John Van De Loo.

Recorder: Anne Bonack

Notice of the meeting was provided to the media and posted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PETERS MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY HINTZ, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A VOICE VOTE.

1. **Presentation of Proposed Budget.** Director of Accounting and Business Services Van De Loo presented the proposed budget. Van De Loo stated there will be an 11.0 decrease in budgeted full-time staff positions for 2012-2013. Reductions in staff are from reorganization, the change in services at the Childcare Center, Café, reduced hours of operation in the Library and the Lakeland Center, technology advances such as R-25 (room scheduling), increases in instructional assignment for teaching faculty and increases in length of contract for Academic Service Professionals. Administration and non-represented personnel have a reduction of 4.5 FTE’s, Support Staff have a net reduction of 5.8 FTE’s, Teaching Faculty will not see any net reductions in FTE’s, Academic Service Professionals will have a net .7 FTE reduction.

Budgeted expenditures decreased to $36,326,497. The total tax levy will be $20,884,373 up 2.05 percent. The operational levy will remain frozen while the
debt service portion will increase. A 4.0 percent projected decrease in equalized valuation was built into the budget. Since 2009, valuations in the Nicolet district have decreased almost 2.2 billion dollars. The actual equalized valuation will not be known until late September or early October.

State aid will decrease $81,000 from last year’s budget due to a reduction in grants. Questions from the Board were addressed by Van De Loo and Vice President Urban.

2. **Public Discussion.** Chairman Zimmerman invited discussion from the public. There was no discussion.

3. **Board Discussion.** Chairman Zimmerman invited discussion from the Board. Board members were familiar with the impact of the proposed budget. There was no discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PETERS MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY PIERPONT TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A VOICE VOTE.